

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

16 April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20: 19-31

Today's readings tell us how the experience of meeting the risen Jesus transforms the fearful disciples hiding behind closed doors, into a confident community, living together, owning and sharing everything in common.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

ALPHA DAY OF PRAYER Saturday 15 April

Please remember in your prayers those who are doing the Alpha programme that the Holy Spirit may come upon the guests and leaders and this will be a very fruitful and blessed time for all participating.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16 April

The **Divine Mercy** is a devotion to the merciful love of God, as received by Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), who is known as the *Apostle of Mercy*. The three main themes of the devotion are to ask for the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and to show mercy to others.

EFTPOS / TAP N GO / INTERNET BANKING

We now have **Eftpos** in the Parish, also a **Tap n Go** donation system in the foyer of the church which allows donations of **\$7.00**. For those who may wish to make a contribution via **Internet Banking**:

Parish Bank Acct: 020342 0050016 03

Ref: PLGVNG

Thank you to all who support the Parish financially.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	Parishioners
	10.00 am	
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	
Thursday	9.00 am	
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY *“Those sacred wounds in His hands, in His feet and in His side, are an inexhaustible source of faith, hope and love from which each can draw, especially the souls who thirst the most for Divine Mercy. In consideration of this, Pope Saint John Paul II desired that the Sunday after Easter be dedicated in a special way to Divine Mercy.”*

Benedict XVI, Divine Mercy

Diocesan Snippets

Our Place Preschool

We currently have a small number of vacancies. If you are looking for a small family owned and operated centre founded on Catholic values—come and check us out. We offer 20 free hours for 3 and 4 year olds. Please contact Kelly on **8477 472** or admin@ourplacepreschool.co.nz

Achieving Pregnancy Naturally

The Billings Ovulation Method™ can help you to optimise your chances of conceiving naturally. The Billings Ovulation Method™ is effective, non-invasive and affordable! It is backed by over 50 years of medical research. For a free information leaflet, contact Billings LIFE NZ.0800 693 378 info@billingslife.org.nz or visit www.billingslife.org.nz

2023 Guided Retreats at Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

Weekday Retreats: [May 21-26, Cluny](#)

Weekend Retreats at Tyburn, Ngakuru [September 22-24, Tyburn](#)

Visit cdh.org.nz/retreats for more information and to register.

Youth / Young Adult Festivals - Set Free and Heaven Come - 18th - 23rd April

kirstym@cdh.org.nz 027 261 6140

Finance Admin / Reception *Part Time*

Three to Four hours daily Monday to Friday. The role is a Finance team support for accounts receivable and accounts payable, with Reception cover at the Diocesan office Chanel Centre Hamilton.

Applications close Friday 21st April. Visit <https://www.cdh.org.nz/jobs>

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?... with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday 24 April, 7-8.30 pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Catholic Prison Chaplain Currently there are Chaplaincy vacancies at Waikeria Prison and Springhill Correctional Facility. **Applications close 28th April.** Visit <https://www.cdh.org.nz/jobs>

Our Priestly Role As Men - A One Day Conference For All Men

Saturday 13 May, 9.00 – 3.30 p.m Church of the Holy Angels, Matamata

Speakers: Fr Prakash Somu and Dr Kevin Kannan

Lunch provided/cost: koha Enrolments: dave.colguhoun@xtra.co.nz Ph 027 884 8408

Catholic Development Fund *Looking for a socially responsible investment? Want to earn interest and pay no fees? Want an investment that aligns with your values and is guaranteed by the Bishop? Want to know more about CDF?* Visit online: cdh.org.nz/cdf or email: cdf@cdh.org.nz

New website for Catholic Enquiry Centre

Visit www.catholicdiscovery.nz to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation.

NZ Catholic bishops welcome Vatican's rejection of "Doctrine of Discovery"

The Vatican has formally repudiated the "Doctrine of Discovery" used by many European powers to colonise much of the world from the 1400s onward. Our bishops have been considering calls for the Church in NZ to repudiate the Doctrine, and have issued a public statement welcoming the Vatican's announcement. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/doctrine/>